

EEB and GACC sign co-operation agreements on export of meat and dairy products from Hong Kong to Mainland

â€‹The Environment and Ecology Bureau of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government and the General Administration of Customs of the People's Republic of China (GACC) signed the Memorandum of Understanding on the Inspection, Quarantine and Hygiene Requirements for Meat Products Exported from Hong Kong to the Mainland and the Cooperation Arrangement for the Export of Dairy Products from Hong Kong to the Mainland (collectively referred to as co-operation agreements) in Hong Kong today (May 19), facilitating food trade between Hong Kong and the Mainland.

The Secretary for Environment and Ecology, Mr Tse Chin-wan, said, "The co-operation agreements will further facilitate food trade between Hong Kong and the Mainland, as well as the development of meat and dairy products businesses in Hong Kong. Upon implementation of the arrangements, Hong Kong-manufactured meat and dairy products meeting the requirements set out in the co-operation agreements will be allowed to be imported into the Mainland."

The co-operation agreements put in place the monitoring of food safety from the source for Hong Kong-manufactured meat and dairy products exported to the Mainland. The co-operation agreements will cover requirements for testing the sources of food raw materials and for the food manufacturers on production management, including storage and transportation of food products.

Following the signing of the co-operation agreements, the Centre for Food Safety (CFS) of the Food and Environmental Hygiene Department will discuss with the GACC the operational details of the agreements. In addition, the CFS will organise seminars for the trade to help them better understand the requirements of the co-operation agreements.